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Box: Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: HERewith
For: **Closure System**
Inventors: Davis *et al.*
Our Ref: 1073.9370001/DKSC/RLP

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Closure System

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 19 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 1 page of claims (1 claim);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. 5 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-3, 4A, 4B, and 5-7);
3. Application Data Sheet;
 4. Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i);
 5. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*); and
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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Attorney Docket No. | 1073.9370001/DKSC/RLP |
| First Inventor | Paul M. DAVIS |
| Title | Closure System |
| Express Mail Label No. | |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 21]
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- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,
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- Background of the Invention
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- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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- Claim(s)
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- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§
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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program
(Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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- ii. ☐ paper
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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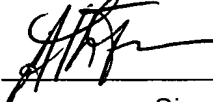
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